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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Leo B. Tentoni	Art Unit 1732

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 October 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10222003.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

**Priority**

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) - (d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-5 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hamlyn (U.S. Patent 4,251,481 A).

Hamlyn (see the entire document, in particular, col. 1, lines 8-26; col. 3, line 65 to col. 5, line 3; Examples) teaches a process of, and apparatus for, making a low shrinkage yarn as set forth in the instant claims.

4. Claims 1, 3-5 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Corsini et al (GB 1352624 A).

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Corsini et al (see the entire document, in particular, page 1, line 70 to page 2, line 81; Examples) teach a process of, and apparatus for, making a low shrinkage yarn as set forth in the instant claims.

5. Claims 1-4, 9, 10 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Baader et al (DE 10100762 A1).

Baader et al (see the entire document, in particular, the English-language abstract and Figures) teach a process of, and apparatus for, making a low shrinkage yarn as set forth in the instant claims.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 6-8, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamlyn (U.S. Patent 4,251,481 A).

These claimed aspects would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made in

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view of Hamlyn principally in order to make a low shrinkage yarn having desired characteristics and/or properties.

8. Claims 2, 6-8, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Corsini et al (GB 1352624 A).

These claimed aspects would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made in view of Corsini et al principally in order to make a low shrinkage yarn having desired characteristics and/or properties.

9. Claims 5-8, 11, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baader et al (DE 10100762 A1).

These claimed aspects would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made in view of Baader et al principally in order to make a low shrinkage yarn having desired characteristics and/or properties.

#### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leo B. Tentoni whose telephone number is (571) 272-1209. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (6:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael P. Colaianni can be reached on (571) 272-1196. The fax phone number for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is  
571-273-8300.

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